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By: *Jan Kane*

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

H. TAKATSUJI et al.

Application No.: 09/156,580

Filed: September 18, 1998

For: METHOD FOR SHORTENING
INTERNODE OF INFLORESCENCE BY
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Examiner: Mehta, A.

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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME FOR ONE
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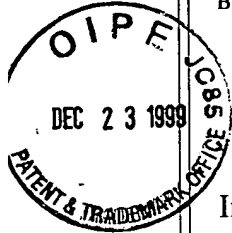
Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 18, 1999 for one month, from November 18, 1999 to December 20, 1999. An appropriate response to the Office Action in the form of an Amendment is enclosed herewith.

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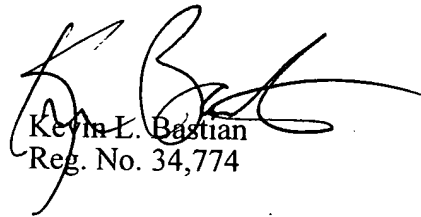


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